

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

January 12, 2017

9:00am

Commissioners Present: Horace Daniel, Larry Mathis, Edward Burten, Melton Jones

Prayer

Pledge to American Flag

Call to Order

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Burten to approve to minutes from the regular meeting held in December 2016, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Bills

- A motion was required to approve the bills for the past month as follows:
 - Administrative & Other \$1,360,963.07
 - Road Department \$85,003.38
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$85,232.66
 - Courthouse \$34,456.96
 - EMA \$10,895.37
 - E-911 \$6,860.01
 - Landfill \$65,985.67
- A motion made by Commissioner Jones to approve the bill for the past month, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed by show of hands.

Appointments – None

Old Business

- Amendment to Air Quality and Open Burning Ordinance
 - The County Administrator explained that two readings and proper notification to the legal organ of the amendment was executed. A vote was required to accept or reject the proposed amendment.
 - Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

New Business

- Board of Tax Assessors Appointment – Diana Murray
 - Commissioner Jones made a motion to appoint Ms. Murray to the Board of Tax Assessors, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

- Reappointment to Board of Health – Bernice Strickland
 - Commissioner Mathis made a motion to reappoint Ms. Strickland to the Board of Health, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed by a show of hands.
- Contract Ratification
 - None

Chairman Comments

Meeting Adjourned

Public Comment Session



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

Resolution 2017-1, Amending Article VI. Air Quality and Open Burning Ordinances, Sections 18-161 through 18-162 of the County Code.

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have previously adopted an ordinance regulating air quality and open burning in and through the County, and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners that it would help to remove some regulations that are deemed too burdensome for the residents of Washington County and that the removal of said regulations is for the betterment of Washington County and its residents.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Ordinances regulating air quality and open burning are hereby amended and the following Ordinances substituted therefor:

Sec 18-161. General Provisions.

- (a) All open burning of any kind is generally prohibited in the county unless specifically authorized and permitted as outlined in this article.
- (b) No open burning may be undertaken at any time unless a permit is first obtained from the Georgia Forestry Commission. It is at the discretion of the Georgia Forestry Commission alone whether to issue such a permit. Such decisions are made generally depending on atmospheric conditions and other determining factors.
- (c) At no time can manmade materials, lumber, tires, shingles, or any other construction or industrial type material be burned.
- (d) Anyone who undertakes a burn in violation of the terms of this article is in violation of county ordinance and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and or 60 days in jail.

ENVIRONMENT

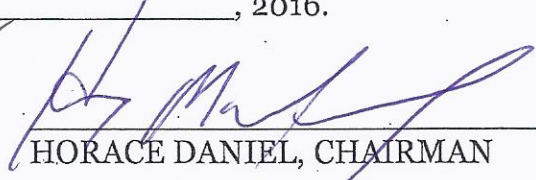
Sec. 18-162. Permitted burns.

The following are the only types of burns permitted in the county:

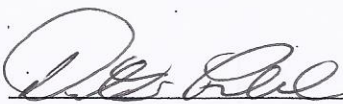
1. Fires for recreational purposes or cooking, such as small campfires or small bonfires.

2. Burning of open flames on devices such as kettles, blow torches, welding torches, portable heaters, and other flame-making equipment.
3. Authorized burns by local fire departments for training purposes, under the supervision of the chief or his designee.
4. Burning of leaves or brush piles, provided a permit has been obtained from the Georgia Forestry Commission.
5. Disposal of vegetative debris from storm damage provided a burn permit has been obtained from the Georgia Forestry Commission.
6. Burning of a field or open area for weed abatement, disease control, and pest prevention, provided a burn permit has been obtained from the Georgia Forestry Commission.
7. Burning of agricultural land for the recognized and essential production of crop harvesting, provided a burn permit has been obtained from the Georgia Forestry Commission.
8. Silviculture practices, including prescribed burning, site preparation burning (meaning the setting of a permitted fire by the owner or agent of the owner, of land to establish favorable seed bed, remove undesirable underbrush, accelerate nutrient recycling, control insect pest, enhance wildlife habitat, clear a chemically controlled area for replanting, and generally contribute ecologically to the land) provided a burn permit has been obtained from the Georgia Forestry Commission.
9. Open burning for land clearing for commercial construction, road construction, road maintenance, agricultural purposes, or residential construction is allowed, provided a burn permit is obtained from the Georgia Forestry Commission.
10. Disposal of all packaging materials previously containing explosives, in accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor safety regulation.
11. Other clean air provisions.
 - (a) High-sulfur diesel prohibited. The use and sale of all high-sulfur diesel fuel (5,000 ppm) for on-road and off-road vehicles operated in the county, and as heating/drying fuel, is prohibited.
 - (b) Idling of diesel and other internal combustion vehicles prohibited. The idling of an unattended diesel or other internal combustion vehicle for more than five minutes is prohibited.

This the 12th day of January, 2016.



HORACE DANIEL, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: 

Dustin Peebles
County Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS

Whereas, there is a vacancy on the Board of Assessors; and

Whereas, the law requires the County Commission to appoint a
Successor when a vacancy occurs; and

Whereas, the person appointed will serve a term of three (3) years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of
Commissioners appoints Diana Murray to the Washington County Board of Tax
Assessors with this term of office to begin on January 12, 2017 and expire on
January 12, 2020.

ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 2017

Washington County Board of Commissioners

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Horace M. Daniel, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dustin Peebles', is written over a horizontal line.

Dustin Peebles

County Administrator/Clerk

**Board of Tax Assessors
Washington County**

P.O. Box 308
Sandersville, Georgia 31082
478 552-2937

December 29, 2016

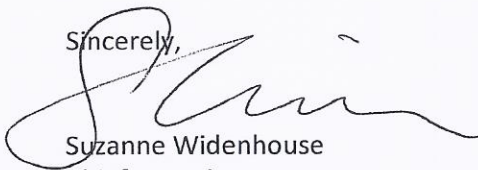
Dustin Peebles
County Administrator/Clerk
P.O. Box 271
Sandersville, Georgia 31082

Dustin:

Ms. Billie Raley resigned her position on the Board of Assessors effective September 30, 2016. At the recommendation of Mr. Daryl Tanner, the current Chairman of the Board of Assessors, I have spoken with Ms. Diana Murray about a position on the board and she has requested the opportunity to serve.

I would like to make a recommendation that she be appointed to a three year term beginning January 12, 2017 and expiring January 12, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser
Washington County